

Attorney Docket No. SEL 217

10/19/00
09/692753
U.S. PTO

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Jun KOYAMA et al

Serial No.: Not Assigned

Filed: Herewith

Examiner:

Art Unit:

For: ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE

)
)
) "Express Mail" Mailing Label No. EL613562791
) Date of Deposit October 19, 2000
) I hereby certify that this correspondence is being
) deposited with the United States Postal Service
) "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service
) under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above
) and is addressed to: Commissioner
) for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231
)
) Name: Tricia Senese
) (typed or printed)

Signature

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

The family of JP 8-078519 cited herein includes:

U.S. Patent No. 5,641,991

The family of JP 9-148066 cited herein includes:

EP Patent No. 776 147 A1
U.S. Patent No. 5,882,761

Other applications related to the present invention include:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/034,041 (pending)

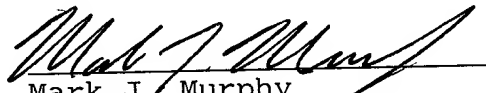
No inference should be drawn that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

The citation of the above-discussed documents is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in existence. Citation of any document herein is not to be construed as an admission that any subject matter disclosed in the document is necessarily within the inventive field of endeavor, that any disclosure is necessarily prior in time to a particular date which may be relevant to the instant patent application, and/or that any disclosure is otherwise necessarily prior art with respect to the instant invention.

Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of those documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

A first office action, notice of allowance or issue fee notification has not been received in this case, so Applicant does not believe that a fee is due. However, if any such fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

Respectfully submitted,


Mark J. Murphy
Registration No.: 34,225

COOK, ALEX, McFARRON, MANZO
CUMMINGS & MEHLER, LTD.
200 West Adams Street, Suite 2850
Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 236-8500

JP 6913 U.S. PRO
09/692753



LIST OF PUBLICATIONS CITED BY APPLICANT	Attorney Docket No. SEL 217	Serial No. Not Assigned
	Applicant Jun KOYAMA et al	
	Filing Date Herewith	Group

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE
	5,641,991	06/24/97	Sakoh	257	755	08/31/95
	5,882,761	03/16/99	Kawami et al	428	69	11/19/96
	6,087,245	07/11/00	Yamazaki et al	438	486	02/11/98

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE
	JP 8-078519	03/22/96	NEC Corp.			09/01/94
	EP 776 147 A1	05/28/97	Pioneer Electronic Corp.			11/20/96
	JP 9-148066	06/06/97	Pioneer Electronic Corp.			11/24/95

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages)

- 1) Zou, D. et al, "Improvement of Current-Voltage Characteristics in Organic Light Emitting Diodes by Application of Reversed-Bias Voltage," *Japanese Journal of Applied Physics*, vol. 37, part 2, no. 11B, pp. L-1406 - L-1408, November 15, 1998.
- 2) English abstract re Japanese Patent Application No. JP 8-078519, published March 22, 1996.
- 3) English abstract re Japanese Patent Application No. JP 9-148066, published June 6, 1997.

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED:

*EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP form. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include a copy of this form with the next communication to applicant.